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FROM : ACTING CHIEF OF STATION, [ ]

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SUBJECT: General - Operational Matters.  
Specific - Guatemalan Exiles. Reports from WELLBANK.

1. Attached hereto are two reports from WELLBANK relating to Guatemalan exiles.

2. It is interesting to note JUGATION VIII reported that Eduardo (possible Ernesto in attached report) GOMEZ ZAAVDRA, Jose MORALES and Capitan Rodolfo BLANCO RODAS were reported by JUGATION VIII to have been talking with Guatemalan Military Attache and Counselor of Embassy on 12 June. It is highly possible that JUGATION VIII is reporting to a member of the SEQUIN Intelligence Net as well as to the Station.

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INCLOSURES:

Reports--WELLBANK....2 pages.

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FROM: WELLBANK

12 June 1954

CALLIGERIS phoned SEQUIN from Tegucigalpa and asked him to urge [ ] to join CALLIGERIS in Tegucigalpa as soon as possible. [ ] who now accepts SEQUIN as the organization man, said he would go to Tegucigalpa when his wife arrives in San Salvador this week. In the meantime and until he has personally talked with CALLIGERIS he does not want to make any statements to the press or otherwise. In view of this attitude and because YSI has no recording facilities SEQUIN recommends that the suggested recorded statement to be made by [ ] wait until his arrival in Tegucigalpa where facilities are available and his statements can be coordinated with CALLIGERIS' Military plans. SEQUIN feels this especially advisable since [ ] although sympathizing, was never an integral member of the CALLIGERIS organization in Guatemala. In addition SEQUIN feels that the nature and timing of the statement should be discussed with [ ] CALLIGERIS' Military Chief of Staff in Guatemala who is due in San Salvador with eight other new exiles within two days.

There seems to be a tendency to handle [ ] warily until they know where he stands and fits into the organization. He has told SEQUIN:

- A. That the airforce will defect in large numbers, and
- B. The organization should be very careful of Capitan Rodolfo Blanco Rodas due in San Salvador as an exile shortly--he is dangerous, unreliable and untrustworthy.

SEQUIN had a mysterious phone call 11 June telling him to go to the "Campana" (grocery store) in five minutes. He went accompanied by another and gave an organization signal with his keys but was unrecognized. I have strongly advised against a repetition of this performance until he has a better idea of who and what is trying to contact him for what purpose.

More about SEQUIN's contacts;

Minister of Interior, LEMUS, is a contact as is (Salvadoran Ambassador to Honduras), Adolfo Rubio MELHADO. These men are very friendly but not under control. They were classmates of CALLIGERIS in an Air Force School in the States. Chief of Police, QUINTANILLA, is very close to them although SEQUIN has had no direct dealings with him. Mamel DIAZ SAL, Capitan of Ilopango Airport, is on a very friendly basis with SEQUIN but under no formal control.

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From: WELLBANK

14 June 1954

The following have left for Tegucigalpa on CALLIGERIS' instructions to SEQUIN:

[ ]

[ ] leaves today. He is a special friend of SEQUIN. (Airplane pilot [ ] leaves for Tegucigalpa today. Ernesto GOMEZ SAAVEDRA who is friendly with and was seen talking with VARGAS and CHACON of the Guatemalan Embassy here is suspect and should not go. Capitan Rodolfo BLANCO RODAS is not wanted either, SEQUIN says, because he is worthless and useless rather than treacherous as stated by [ ] to SEQUIN last week.

All exiles talking to SEQUIN have emphasized the reign of terror in Guatemalan area today. People being hauled to jail in Truckloads and well-known opposition figures disappearing without a trace. They fear that a bombing attack now would kill many of their supporters. Many of the prisoners have been taken to Acetuno and Matamoras cuartels in the northeast where there are a great quantity of arms stored.

A Guatemalan Army plane landed in Salvador yesterday 13 June 54 when it ran out of gas. It was taken to Ilopango by the Salvadoran authorities. SEQUIN hopes to get it released to go to Tegucigalpa tomorrow or sooner. He is having difficulty keeping it out of the press.

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